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DIARY NOTES

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15 March 1960

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. There was considerable discussion of [REDACTED] and the necessity for getting a well qualified corporation lawyer on this Project right away. Immediately after the meeting I called Larry Houston who was attending the [REDACTED] Board Meeting in New York, acquainted him with the situation and told him to get cracking on obtaining a lawyer and to telephone either the Director or Dick Bissell for any further details he felt that he needed.

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b. I advised those present that Congressman Sieminski of New Jersey was looking for a job and that anyone in the Agency might be approached. The Director reaffirmed his objection to considering anyone for employment in the Agency who had been so prominent in partisan politics.

2. I reviewed with Matt Baird the progress which has been made on the Inspector General's Survey of the Assessment and Evaluation Staff of the Office of Training and concluded that no further follow-up action was necessary, except in three instances:

a. The Clandestine Services Instruction having to do with psychological services is almost ready but has not actually been published.

b. The Personnel Regulation having to do with psychological services appears to be a long way from completion.

c. There apparently is still some duplication of testing between the Assessment and Evaluation Staff and the Psychiatric Division of the Medical Staff.

3. I discussed briefly with Matt Baird the question of losing employees after we had spent a considerable amount of money on training them. In revising the current Regulation we agreed that, generally, we should follow the Government Training Act which provides that an employee will agree to serve at least three times as long as he spends in external training. However, we feel that we should provide for a maximum of five years, and in some instances where an employee takes a very short but expensive course we should provide for much more than a three-to-one ratio. (I also discussed this at the DD/S Staff Meeting and this philosophy is to be reflected in the new Regulation and the supplementary documents related thereto.)

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4. [REDACTED] dropped in with [REDACTED] and I was very well impressed with him. (I suggested to Gordon Stewart that it would be appropriate to recognize the outstanding service which Ben continues to render by some sort of an award. Gordon agreed and will take some action on this.)

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5. [REDACTED] was in for his briefing, the significant points of which were as follows:

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a. [REDACTED] is submitting a project to the Project Review Committee for the development of a device to prepare reduced size images of analyst cover sheets on IBM cards. This will cost about \$124 thousand, and, while [REDACTED] thinks that it is good, it has not been coordinated with the Automatic Data Processing Committee. It seems to me that Paul is wasting time since I will not concur until it has the endorsement of this Committee.

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b. [REDACTED] advised me that [REDACTED] Machine Translation Project was coming in with a Project which would call for an additional \$2 million. I emphasized to Al and John their responsibility in this matter and told them that I and the PRC would look to them for a very careful analysis and appraisal of this matter when it was presented. 25X1A

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6. [REDACTED] reported that they had been able to purchase the [REDACTED] which I authorized a day or two ago for about \$400 thousand less than he had anticipated it would cost. The Comptroller has also been advised.

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7. [REDACTED] advised me that he had been successful in getting a good room for [REDACTED] on 24 May and will arrive in Los Angeles on 29 May. I asked him to coordinate this matter with the FE Division and send a cable to Jes.

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8. [REDACTED] was in to see me again about his daughter who told him that she had to make a decision immediately as to what she was going to do. (After some discussion with [REDACTED] I approved of leave without pay for his daughter for sixty days with the understanding that if she obtained other employment and desired a reasonable extension in order to avoid a break in service, we would favorably consider it. I advised [REDACTED] and his daughter of this decision.)

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9. I talked to [REDACTED] about Bob's outside activities. I told him that, regardless of what Security or the General Counsel told him, I disapproved, as a matter of policy, of his participation in a Management Study of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. I told him I saw no way that he could avoid becoming involved in local politics if he did this, and that if he became involved, he would have to leave the Agency. He agreed to drop the matter. I also stated that I thought he was overextending himself and spending too much time on his outside activities. I told him to go back to his office and to produce on paper, in as brief a form as possible, exactly what it was he wanted to do and submit it to me for policy approval before he took any action.

10. Matt Baird telephoned about the detail of [REDACTED], an Office of Training 25X1A9a
careerist, to the United States Information Agency for a two-year tour of duty. Bob is
a grade GS-14 and they wish to promote him to a grade GS-15 upon transfer. I told
Matt that I had no objection to this but that the record should clearly indicate that we
could not guarantee that we would have a grade GS-15 for him to return to in CIA.

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